

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday June 8th 2008

IRTS Committee

The first meeting of the newly-elected committee took place on Saturday the 24th of May. One of the early agenda items at this meeting was the appointment of officers for the coming year. These officers, all of whom act on a voluntary basis, look after the running of the society and the provision of services to members. The full list of officers for 2008/2009, including their contact details, is now available on the Society's web site at www.irts.ie.

Other items considered at the meeting included the status of issues under discussion with ComReg, the need to guard against unlicensed intrusions into the amateur bands, and the timing of future radio theory examinations.

Limerick Radio Club

The Limerick Radio Club June meeting will take place on Thursday the 12th of June at the Regional Technical College, Limerick starting at 19:30. This will be the last meeting before the Summer break.

Theory Examination

Applications are coming in steadily to sit the next theory examination for the experimenter licence, which will be held on Wednesday the 9th of July at 2 p.m. in the ComReg Offices in Dublin.

Places for the examination, which are limited, will be allocated on a first come first served basis and will only be reserved on receipt of the appropriate fee. The fee is 50 Euro or 25 Euro for full-time registered students, repeat candidates and those who are retired, unemployed or have a disability and should be sent to Seán Nolan EI7CD at QTHR.

Cheques and Money Orders should be made payable to the IRTS. When forwarding the exam fee intending candidates should include their e-mail and postal addresses as well as a contact telephone number. The closing date for applications to sit the examination is 25 June. Sean EI7CD's address can be found in the IRTS call book or in the call book section of the IRTS website at www.irts.ie Seán's e-mail address for

further enquiries is “ei7cd at gofree dot indigo dot ie” Useful information for intending candidates, including a sample examination paper, can be found in the Downloads and Radio Theory Links sections of the IRTS website at www.irts.ie

We wish all intending candidates the best of luck in the examination.

Friedrichshafen Rally

The Society again plans to host a stand at this year's Rally scheduled from June 27th to 29th.

In order to draw up a roster of Irish hams visiting the Rally who might be willing to help in manning the Stand, those planning to travel are invited to send their names and contact details to Sean Donelan EI4GK. Sean's email address is “donelansean at gmail dot com”. The commitment required from any individual is unlikely to be great but any assistance offered will be much appreciated.

Cork Radio Club, Rally Venue Change

Due to the closure of the Blarney Park Hotel the club has had to move the Rally to a new location. The Hotel that CRC has selected offers the same facilities as Blarney giving even more space to accommodate more traders and amateurs.

Cork Radio Club are very much looking forward to hosting the rally this year at Montenotte Hotel, Cork on Sunday the 14th of September and hope you will share the same commitment as before in the last 16 years.

Further details will be posted with regards to the location “how to get there” etc. A short video of the venue can be viewed on “you tube” URL www.youtube.com/ei5crc

The Cork Radio Club meets every Monday night at 8.30 pm at 1a Assumption Road Cork. Further details from the club Secretary, Frank Mason EI6EVB at QTHR.

Upcoming Rallies

The Bangor and district Amateur Radio Society will hold their Summer Radio and Computer Rally at the Crawfordsburn Country Club, Bangor, Co. Down on Sunday the 15th of June. Doors open at noon and admission is free. A good selection of traders will be attending and the bring and buy will be in operation. For more information contact Bill Langtry, GI4AAM or visit www.bdars.com

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